



The County Cork B. P. & P. Association

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Thomas Browne- President

139th Annual St. Patrick's Ball & Dinner Dance



December 31st, 2023

Dear Friend and Patron:

The **County Cork B. P. & P. Association of New York** invites you to join us in celebrating the St. Patrick's season at our **139th annual St. Patrick's Ball & Dinner Dance**, on **Saturday, March 2, 2024**, at **Antun's, 96-43 Springfield Blvd., Queens Village, NY 11429**. Deluxe cocktail hour will begin at **6:30PM** followed by dinner, music, and dancing to the Mickey Peare Band. Tickets are \$125.00, tables of ten \$1,250.00. This year, we are delighted to recognize three very distinguished honorees.

2024 Cork Man of the Year – Gary Power, a native of Yorkville, Manhattan, was born in the early 1970s to Tom (native of Killeagh, Co. Cork) and Mary (nee Desmond; native of Grenagh, Co. Cork) Power. Gary's strong connection to his Irish roots led him to host the Full Irish radio program on WHPC 90.3FM, as well as being a dedicated member of the Co. Cork B.P.&P. Association. A current Trustee and Building Committee member, Gary is a past president among other various positions since joining the Co. Cork Association in 2009. In his professional career, Gary runs Ad Operations at CMT Group and has worked with numerous blue-chip clients such as Colgate-Palmolive, Johnson & Johnson, and The Discovery Network. Gary, his wife Jamie, and son Liam love traveling back to visit Cork as a family as often as possible.

2024 Cork Woman of the Year – Linda Croston, born in Skibbereen, West Cork, Linda is Kay and Frank Croston's youngest of four children. From a farming background, Linda's upbringing was deeply rooted in the pony showing and hunting circuit in West Cork. A proud University College Cork, Ireland alumna, Linda has been a fervent nonprofit volunteer and dedicated to the Irish community since her immigration to New York in 2012. She has proudly supported Project Children, promoting their award-winning documentary "How to Defuse a Bomb - The Project Children Story", as well as a board member and the program coordinator of the Mulcahy Scholarship. Linda recently played an instrumental role in the "Marty Party" for the NYGAA Hall of Fame Gala. She is married to Dunmanway native, Jer McCarthy, captain of the Cork Gaelic Football Club of New York Junior B 2023 Champion team. Together, they are proud parents to their daughter, Olivia.

2024 Frank T. Carvill Distinguished Service Award – Sean Sullivan a lifelong educator, served as principal of All Hallows High School for 23 years and taught at the school for 43 years. He developed many vital programs providing his students access to networks, education, people, and experiences many only dream about. His impact on students' lives is apparent through the regular return visits from former students, now with careers and families of their own, to share stories and successes. Seans' yearly trip to Ireland has been going for 52 years and counting! He can often be found on the Cobh Promenade with a newspaper in hand or sitting at the pier in Castletownbere. He inherited his love for Ireland from his father, John Sullivan (native of Eyeries, Co. Cork), and his mother, Marion Sullivan (nee McCarthy; native of Cobh).

We will publish a souvenir journal dedicated to our distinguished honorees, and invite you to include a greeting, remembrance or advertisement for your family, organization, or business. A journal contract is attached for your use and should be returned by **Friday, February 16th** to Journal Chair **Taryn Butler, 25 Vista Lane, Patterson, NY 12563** or email **CorkDinnerDance@gmail.com**.

We hope you will support us and help to make this a memorable event by attending the Dinner Dance and/or advertising in our journal.

With our sincere appreciation,

Thomas Browne
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